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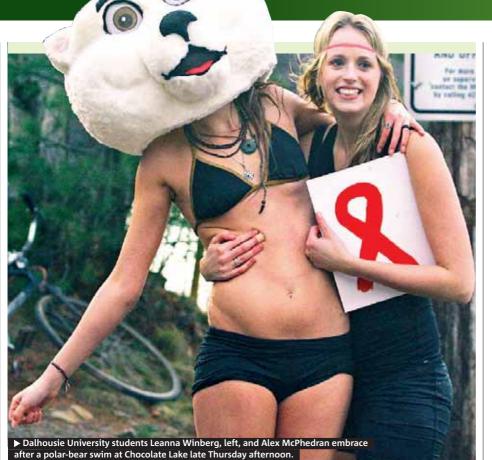
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Several Dalhousie students plunged into the chilly water to raise attention for World AIDS Day and the Stephen Lewis Foundation Dare campaign, which aims to raise money and awareness for AIDS research and prevention in Africa.

Lifeline for mill

Premier hopes plan will keep Bowater Mersey open Announcement Friday

The province has worked out a multimillion-dollar support package to help keep the Bowater Mersey paper mill running, Premier Darrell Dexter said Thursday.

Dexter will give details about the deal during an announcement in Liverpool on Friday where the financially troubled mill owned by Resolute Forest Products operates. He did say the financial support will be in the millions of dollars.

"We are in a position where we're comfortable with announcing what the conclusions of our negotiations are," he said.

Resolute has satisfied itself with respect to the operations of the mill.

Officials for Resolute did not return messages seeking comment.

Resolute told Dexter last month they would close the plant without help from the government and reductions in its costs.

"I hope it's the last step.

PREMIER DARRELL DEXTER

The mill employs about 300 people and the government estimates that the livelihoods of up to 2.000 others in the area would be affected if it closes.

The union at the financially troubled mill recently voted to cut 110 full- and part-time jobs in an effort to reduce labour costs and help save the operation.

Union local president Courtney Wentzell says he'll need to know the details of the deal with the province before he can endorse it.

"If it's an agreement with Resolute too, and if it's a joint announcement, then I can't see it being anything but good news," he said. "But without knowing anything I can't really comment.

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Located at 75 Peakview Way in Bedford, Pet Valu is situated at the shopping complex found just off Highway 102 at Larry Uteck Boulevard (also home to a Sobeys, Lawtons and GoodLife Fitness).

The two-day grand opening celebrations will feature

grooming or a six month supply of dog or cat food.

On Saturday morning, KOOL FM will be broadcasting live from the store, and on Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., professional photographer Rebecca Clarke will be on hand so that pet owners can get their pets photos taken with Santa. Proceeds from this initiative will go to the Nova Scotia SPCA

BEDFORD PET VALU OFFERS PET GROOMING SERVICES

its new location is pet grooming. The Bedford location is the first Pet Valu in the Maritimes to operate a Groomingdale s pet grooming salon. Renowned local groomer Sarah Breen is operating a full range of dog and cat services, including hand-stripping. For more information, e-mail grooming@petvaluhalifax.com.

the friendly and knowledgeable staff, as well as the cleanliness of the establishment.

Our goal for the store is to create a pleasant shopping experience in a clean environment, say owners Wilf and Lina Clarke. We have hired a fantastic staff. They re all animal lovers and we ve put everybody through an extensive training program.

While Pet Valu carries food and supplies for Rover and Muffin, it also carries products for small animals, such as rabbits, ferrets, hedgehogs, birds and fish.

The store does not carry live animals.

One thing we try and do is support the local shelters, says Lina. For example, in both of our stores we work closely with the SPCA and do cat adoption weekends where they bring in cats and we try to find them some

The store also tries to source local products.

www.petvalu.com

We live and work in the community and it s important to us to source local products into Pet Valu s offerings, says Wilf. We carry locally manufactured leashes, collars as well as vitamins and minerals and are always on the lookout for more products from Atlantic Canada.

Wilf and Lina s downtown store, located at 5686 Spring Garden Road, opened in March of this year and was the first Pet Valu east of Ottawa. Customer response inspired



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It's beginning to feel a lot reaches deal with RCMP The province has reached a tentative 20 year deal with RCMP

- ▶ It reached 14 C on Wednesday and 10 C on Thursday
- More seasonable temperatures are forecast for the weekend



HRM residents may be able to do without long johns and hand warmers for much of the winter months, Environment Canada predicts.

The forecast for December, January and February, released yesterday, is projecting a warmer-than-usual winter for our municipality.

"Based on the patterns we're seeing now, the likelihood that temperatures will be above average is quite good," said Bob Robichaud, a meteorologist with Environment Canada in Dartmouth.

The average temperature at Halifax Stanfield International Airport for December is 2.8 C, so this year we'll likely hover around that mark and above, said Robichaud.

For Christine Puccini of Sackville, that's good news.

"I'm not a winter fan. I don't do winter sports, and I don't like the cold. So I'd be happy with this for all of winter," said Puccini Thursday, sporting a spring jacket walking down Barrington Street underneath the sun.

But don't pack away your winter gear, Robichaud warns.

'You still get those fluctuations where you can get



those cold periods ... but the warm periods will outweigh the cold ones."

Robichaud said these balmy temperatures are being caused by water in the Pacific Ocean. He said the jet stream is higher this winter, allowing warmer air to reach the region and stay longer than

He said the forecast is also calling for less rain and snowfall, but those predictions "need to be taken with a grain of salt."

"It's hinting at lesser rainfall and snowfall ... however, the temperature forecasts perform a lot better than the participation forecast.'

Branching out in the sunshine

Warm winter days and scarcely sprinkled snow and rain does not curb Christmas spirit, Duncan Johnson says.

The owner of Johnson Family Christmas Trees. which has been in business for more than 30 years, said the warmer-than-usual temperatures and less rain and snowfall expected for December

will not reflect poorly in his sales, if history repeats itself.

The snow really doesn't make a huge difference," he said Thursday while unloading bundled Christmas trees.

He said last year was warm as well, and that didn't stop people from finding the perfect tree to decorate.

"People who get trees, it doesn't matter. They're going to come buy them anyway regardless of the weather," said Johnson.

ALY THOMSON

Province

tentative 20-year deal with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Justice Minister Ross Landry revealed Thursday an "agreement in principle" has been reached after months of negotiation between the provinces and Public Safety Canada.

"I'm satisfied with the fact that we have a deal made and that this long process is coming to an end for now," Landry said.

No details about the deal are being released while the wording of the agreement is being finalized. The agreement will then go to the NDP cabinet table for final approval.

Nova Scotia was one of eight provinces still negotiating contracts.

Landry said there were issues specific to the province that needed more time to negotiate, but he did not elaborate on what those were.

There are currently 37 RCMP detachments with approximately 1,500 employees in Nova Scotia, handling municipal and provincial policing on top of federal responsibilities. In the Halifax Regional Municipality, RCMP share policing duties with Halifax Regional Police, patrolling suburban and rural areas. ALEX BOUTILIER

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House not misled about Michelin, Dexter says

▶ Liberal Leader says Dexter misled legislature with Michelin comments
▶ Government told months ago about its opposition to Bill 102: Michelin



Premier Darrell Dexter said he did not mislead the house of assembly when he implied Michelin Canada had not expressed concern over a contentious new labour bill.

"What I said was exactly what the situation was," Dexter told reporters Thursday.

During question period on Nov. 3, Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil directed a question to Dexter about Michelin's reported concerns about Bill 102, which would introduce first contract arbitration in Nova Scotia.

"Michelin has now warned the premier that this misguided bill will strain relations and they may reconsider future investments in Nova Scotia," McNeil said then.

"No such thing was ever said, just so (McNeil) knows that," Dexter responded that day.

"I realize that came about as a result of a press report, but it's simply not true."

After an appearance at the legislature's law amendments committee Wednesday night, Michelin Canada President Dana LeBlanc said he informed Dexter months ago that "You ask me questions, I respond to them, in order to ... provide you with the best possible information. Which is, of course, my responsibility."
PREMIER DARRELL DEXTER

his company opposed the legislation.

"Simply put, it makes it very difficult when you have legislation such as Bill 102 ... and the instability in the legislation, it makes my job and other

peoples' jobs very difficult to sell Nova Scotia as a better place to invest in," LeBlanc told the committee.

But Dexter said he doesn't believe that first contract arbitration, which would allow third party arbitration in the event of a breakdown in negotiations with a newly-certified union and their employer, will jeopardize investment.

"I appreciate the fact that (Michelin has) a particular corporate philosophy with respect to labour legislation," said Dexter.

"I assume they assess that in all of their jurisdictions, not just in ours."

Legislation gets minor tweaks

The legislature's law amendments committee made minor tweaks to contentious new labour legislation on Thursday.

Bill 102, which will introduce first contract arbitration in Nova Scotia, will now return to the House of Assembly for a maximum of 40 more hours of debate.

The bill amends the Trade Union Act to allow a newly-certified union or their employers to seek third party arbitration in the event of a breakdown in negotiations around a first contract.

The legislation was widely supported by labour organizations and panned by the business

lobby over three days of committee meetings.

Large employers, including Sobeys, Michelin and Clearwater Seafoods, took the unusual step of presenting to the committee.

The NDP government, which holds a majority on the committee and in the house, introduced minor amendments Wednesday night. Rather than a 120 limit for nego-

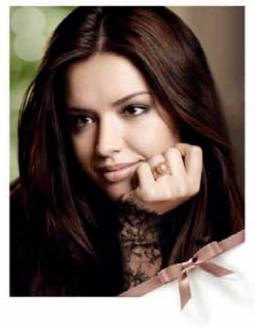
tiations, one party can apply for an extension of up to 60 days. If both parties are in agreement that more time is required, they can set their own schedule for negotiations.

Amendments from the Liberal caucus that would require proof one party was negotiating in bad faith before applying for arbitration. They were not accepted.

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Bus drivers face lockout

Nova Scotia drivers for Acadian bus lines will continue to work within province but won't cross the New Brunswick border

A spokesman for Acadian bus lines says it will lock out its drivers in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island on Friday morning.

Marc-Andre Varin, the

company's vice-president of marketing, says the last bus will stop operating at 6:30 a.m.

Acadian has routes within New Brunswick and two daily runs to and from Prince Edward Island.

Varin says a work disruption would interrupt intercity bus travel in the two provinces, as well as between Nova Scotia and Central Canada because the buses won't be able to travel through New Brunswick.

He says parcel delivery will also be affected.

Glen Carr, president of the Amalgamated Transit Workers local, says workers had voted against the company's last offer and were prepared to walk out.

He says the union wants at least a cost-of-

Separate union

The company also operates in Nova Scotia, but workers are represented by a separate union.

living increase and protection of seniority rights.

Varin says he won't comment on details of the negotiations.

He says the company is losing money on its New Brunswick operations and needs to reduce its costs.

Workers have been without a contract for about 10 months.

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Solar city report ready for final vote

A report and a request to issue tenders for the solar city report will be at council on Dec 13.

The environment and sustainability committee received the staff report at their meeting Thursday and voted to forward it to a regular council meeting for approval.

The Solar City pilot project makes it easier for residents to install solar panels to heat water. Residents can pay in installments through their property taxes and it will eventually pay for itself

Cost per house

- HRM staff expect it to take six months to award the tenders and sign the contracts due to technicalities around liability issues.
- Staff also are expecting a price of \$7,000 to \$9,000 per house.

in reduced heating costs.

If the project passes a final go-no-go vote in March, HRM will be the first solar city in Canada.

JENNIFER TAPLIN

News in brief

Stabbing victim may have been targeted

An 18-year-old man was stabbed behind a Clayton Park library on Thursday afternoon.

The victim was on a path behind the Keshen Goodman Library at around 1 p.m. when he was sprayed with a sensory irritant and stabbed.

He managed to make it to the library where

police and paramedics were called.

"He's been taken to the hospital and his injuries are believed to be non-life threatening," said Const. Brian Palmeter, Halifax Regional Police spokesman.

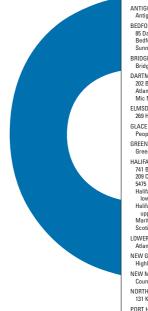
The victim isn't believed to be a student at the nearby Halifax West High School.

Palmeter said late
Thursday they had a male
youth in custody in relation to the stabbing, but a
decision hadn't been
made on charges.

He also said the stabbing wasn't a random incident.

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Public Gardens' year ends Friday

It's another sure sign that winter is coming.

HRM is closing the gates to the popular Halifax Public Gardens on Friday at

In previous years, the gardens closed on Remembrance Day and reopened at the beginning of May.

The winter closing is done for various reasons, including to protect and maintain the popular space. The municipality's website says it's too dangerous to stay open year round because the soil structure can be easily damaged if walked on or through

In case you're looking that far ahead, the gardens is scheduled to reopen on

COMEDY SHOW

Ready to laugh?

Ha!ifax ComedyFest is back again next spring for another laugh.

Organizers announced Thursday the 17th annual event will take place April 25-28

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and comedic veteran March Critch of This Hour has 22 Minutes fame will once again

A full lineup of comics will be announced next year.

Tickets are now on sale at the Dalhousie Arts Centre for the Gala of Laughs on April 27 and the Gala Finale on April 28. metro

New agency for the arts

\$2.4M will go directly to grants given to arts and culture programs

The province's minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage says legislation introduced Thursday to create a body to oversee arts funding will maximize the amount of money "that lands in artists' hands.'

Arts Nova Scotia, an arm's-length body of the Nova Scotia government, will administer \$2.4 million in provincial grants that go to artists annually.

Minister David Wilson said the legislation will let professionals in the sector decide who receives fund-

Government spokesman Michael Noonan said the costs of setting up the body have not been determined. However, he said, those costs will not eat into the grant money.

The legislation comes about nine years after the



independent, arm's-length Nova Scotia Arts Council was liquidated under thenpremier John Hamm's Conservative government.

Christopher Majka, chair of the Nova Scotia Cultural Action Network, said the legislation repre-

sents an important step in realizing that government-funded arts programs should not be subject to political con-

"Like the proverbial phoenix, an arm's-length, independent arts council

"The arts-culture sector can be instrumental in driving the economy here in Nova Scotia."

DAVID WILSON, MINISTER OF COMMUNITIES, CULTURE AND

with its own enabling legislation will rise from the ashes," Majka said in a news release.

Legislation has also been introduced with a view to formalizing the structure and mandate of the Creative Nova Scotia Leadership Council.

The council, led by the arts sector, will advise the province and lead the development of a cultural strategy.

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ENTERTAINING FOR THE

NOW THAT THE COUNT-DOWN TO THE FESTIVE SEASON IS OFFICIALLY ON, IT'S TIME TO START **MAKING YOUR PARTY-PLANNING LIST AND CHECKING IT TWICE**

Here are some tips for stress-free holiday entertaining:

SEND INVITATIONS EARLY

There are lots of parties in December, so send your invitations a few weeks before the date so people can fit it into their schedule.

SET A GAME TIME

In the invitation, state a time parameter. Don't say: "Come by anytime after 7 p.m." if you don't want guests to linger past midnight. Instead, be specific: "Join us for wine and cheese from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m."

PLAN YOUR PANTRY

Try to always have a few culinary staples on hand in case people drop in unexpectedly. These can include antipasto, crudités, hummus and other dips, gourmet crackers, a choice of cheeses, savoury jam and a variety of cookies.

BUILD A COCKTAIL BAR

Early in December, buy a collection of spirits such as vodka, gin and white and dark rum so you'll have basic cocktail ingredients at the ready before party time.

DECIDE ON DECOR

In the days leading up to the party, try different holiday decor themes and colours until you find your favourite. You don't have to stick to traditional green, red, silver and gold; any colour combination goes as long as it's consistent.

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Fill your highball glass with cubed ice and pour in the Smirnoff® and the cranberry and orange juices. Stir

together. Add your lime wedge and enjoy.



DEATH

Vigil for woman Saturday

A vigil will be held Saturday for a woman killed in a bizarre incident in 2008.

Rachelle Valade, 35, was walking through a parking lot at 6 Primrose St. in Dartmouth at 9 p.m. on Dec. 3, 2008. A white tractor- trailer cab with moose bars on the front pulled out of a parking spot and hit Valade.

Valade's mother is organizing a march on the third anniversary of her daughter's death

It will start at the corner of Primrose Street and Victoria Road on Saturday at 2 p.m.

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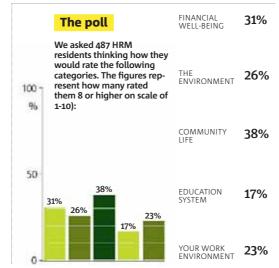
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Over the years we have tracked people's attitudes and intentions about living in

Nova Scotia. In 2004, nine per cent of people surveyed indicated they did not expect to be living here in five years' time.

Among younger residents, between the ages of 18-25, that number was a little higher at 13 per cent. By 2008, it rose by just over a percentage point in each group, and



it was about the same this year.

The problem is not so much that we could lose this many people, but rather their particular occupations. Sixty per cent of them say they have a certified trade and 27 per cent have completed post-secondary education.

We explored the issues that might influence their attitudes and intentions, and, as expected, most were intending to leave for economic reasons.

Thirty-eight per cent felt they would be able to find work here that matched their training and skill set, and only 24 per cent expected to find employment here at a competitive level to other places. And, overall, 29 per cent held that they could achieve financial security in Halifax.

Despite this view of economic circumstances, Halifax got high scores on a variety of measures relating to quality of life. On a scale of one to 10 with 10 being excellent,

respondents rated Halifax at an eight or higher in a number of areas: 58 per cent scored Halifax as eight or higher as a safe community, and 65 per cent gave a similar score when rating recreational and leisure facilities around town.

A further 68 per cent gave a score of eight or higher when rating our city as a good place to raise children. Finally, 52 per cent gave an eight or higher when asked if Halifax was a good place to find a balance between life and work.

It will be interesting to see how recent developments with the shipbuilding contract and the possibilities of the Lower Churchill energy deal might change the longstanding "heading down the road" phenomenon.



Crime? It doesn't worry us

Study finds Canadians feel safe

Statistics Canada says the vast majority of Canadians feel safe from crime.

It has released a study of Canadians aged 15 and older that says 93 per cent of those surveyed said they felt satisfied with their personal safety from crime.

The 2009 study produced results similar to those of the last survey in 2004 — before the Tories took power and began a tough-on-crime campaign.

Crime rates overall have been falling for a decade.

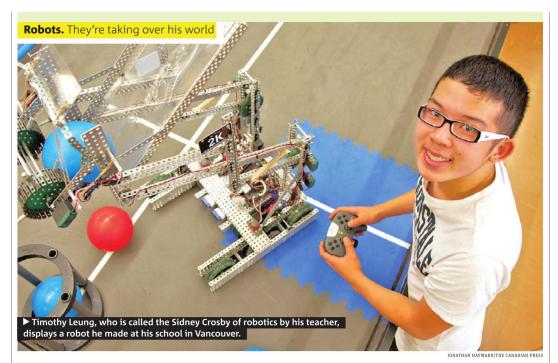
Youth crime is one of the few areas that has risen, yet the study says

Safety zones

The study shows those living in Eastern Canada, where crime rates are lower, were more satisfied with their safety than Westerners, who form the base of Tory support.

slightly more younger Canadians were satisfied with their personal safety from crime than older Canadians — 94 per cent of those aged 15-24 compared to 90 per cent aged 65 years and older.

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For the lowdown on high-tech, ask Tim

It may well be an era in which teens live and breathe smartphones, tablets and i-gadgets. But robotics is an activity redefining what's cool. It's bridging the athlete-vs.brainiac divide. Last year, Timothy Leung, 15, of B.C., competed at the VEX Robotics All Star Challenge in Florida.



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Man lashes out at government

▶ Removed from UN terror list, but wants public apology from Canadian officials ◆ Still on U.S. no-fly list

A man celebrating his removal from a UN terror watchlist had one message for the people of Canada on Thursday, and a completely different one for the Canadian government.

Abousfian Abdelrazik expressed thanks to Canadians, many of whom offered their help and support while he lived in legal limbo.

His message to the Canadian government was the polar opposite: Thanks for nothing.

He said he and his family suffered a miserable seven years because he was "Now I am a free person. Not because of your support, but because of the support of Canadians. Now I wish you realize this fact ... (and) do the right things you were supposed to do a long time ago."

ABOUSFIAN ABDELRAZIK, SPEAKING TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

wrongly placed on the terror list, which affected his ability to work, travel or hold a bank account.

He said his reputation was tarnished and, although his name was stricken from the list this week, Abdelrazik said his heart goes out to other innocent people who remain on the list

Abdelrazik and his supporters say what made the difference in his case was a vocal lobby and legal effort that shed light on his situation. "It would not be fair to claim this victory as my victory," he told a news conference in Montreal.

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has a duty to preserve the

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AFGHANISTAN

Karzai pardons jailed rape victim

Afghan President Hamid Karzai is pardoning an Afghan woman serving a 12-year prison sentence for having sex out of wedlock after she was raped by a relative.

Karzai's office also said the woman and her attacker agreed to marry. That would reverse an earlier decision by the woman, who had previously refused a judge's offer of freedom if she agreed to wed the rapist. Thursday's statement says Karzai decided to forgive the rest of the woman's sentence after hearing from judicial officials. It's not clear how much time the woman has served.

Her plight was highlighted in a documentary blocked by the EU because it feared the women profiled would be endangered.

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Steven Blaney says he's saddened and appalled about vandalism at a cenotaph in Regina's Victoria Park.

Someone spray-painted obscene graffiti on the east side of the monument to soldiers.

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In search of new spies

○ U.K. agency recruiting self-taught cyber hackers **○** James Bond types with no math skills need not apply

A British government spy agency is using an anonymous code-breaking web page to recruit self-taught hackers "we might not reach otherwise," says a spokesman for the U.K.'s Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ).

GCHQ, which works with the legendary British spy agencies MI5 and MI6, launched the page "gently" nearly a month ago with no clues about its source. "We kind of seeded it onto some social media elements," the spokesman told the Toronto Star yesterday.

GCHQ admitted its old recruiting networks, most famously Oxford and Cambridge graduates, don't always work. "Traditionally, cyber specialists enter the organization as graduates," the agency said.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE







Clinton meets Suu Kyi

Aung San Suu Kyi had dinner with U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton last night in a diplomatic residence in the port city of Yangon (formerly known as Rangoon). The extraordinary meeting came at the end of Clinton's first full day of her trip and was the first by a top-ranking American official for more than 50 years.

Governors want U.S. to reclassify marijuana

The governors of two U.S. states have asked the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration to reclassify marijuana as a medical treatment so doctors can prescribe it and pharmacists can fill the prescription

Washington Gov. Chris

Gregoire and Rhode Island Gov. Lincoln Chafee said they want the U.S. government to list marijuana as a Schedule 2 drug.

Marijuana is currently classified as a Schedule 1 drug, meaning it's not accepted for medical treatment and can't be prescribed, administered or dispensed.

Washington and Rhode Island are two of 16 states, plus the District of Columbia, that have laws allowing the medical use of marijuana.

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Winds blast California

• Schools closed, flights diverted, trucks overturned, thousands lose power

Some of the worst winds in years blasted through California Wednesday night, sweeping through canyons, gusting up to 156 km/h, and toppling trees and trucks while knocking out power to hundreds of thousands of people.

An estimated 300,000 customers in Southern California were without electricity Thursday morning.

High winds were also re-

ported elsewhere throughout the U.S. west, including 160 km/h gusts that forced a Utah town to close schools.

"What's driving this is a large, cold low-pressure system that's currently centred over Needles, Calif. The strong winds are wrapping around it," weather service forecaster Andrew Rorke said.

The winds were colder

but fiercer than the Santa Ana winds that often hit California in late fall.

"It seems like there's been extensive damage across the county," based on preliminary reports, said Bob Spencer, a spokesman for the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works.

"It was a terrifying ride for me, coming here in pitch dark ... and watching motorists take no notice of lights being out," he said. "What the weather experts are telling us are that these probably are the worst windstorms to hit (the area) in more than a decade."

High winds ripping through Utah overturned several semi-trucks on or near Interstate 15, and 54,000 customers in Utah were without power.

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Brother! What a triumph

• Partial results show the hustling Brotherhood surging in Egypt's poll

The fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood is emerging as the biggest winner in Egypt's first parliamentary election since the ouster of President Hosni Mubarak.

Voters have turned out in unexpected droves.

First-time voter Hassan Abdel-Hamid was undecided — until he got a flyer telling him how to vote from "the guys with the computer."

Outside polling stations, Brotherhood activists were set up with laptop computers, helping voters find their voter numbers.

They posted activists to wave banners, pass out flyers or simply chat up voters waiting in line.

And in a marked change from previous elections, when Brotherhood members touted Islamic creden"They outspent, outworked and politically outclassed the other political parties by a huge factor."

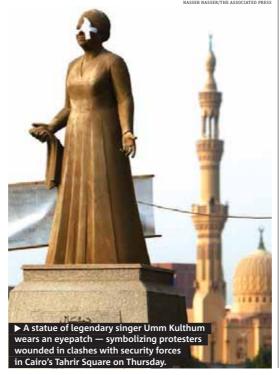
ELIJAH ZARWAN, POLITICAL ANALYST

tials, this time they focused on improved services, to appeal to poor voters.

For decades, the Mubarak regime suppressed the Muslim Brotherhood. But it has transformed itself into a potent campaign machine, holding rallies and wallpapering neighbourhoods with banners.

Final election results are expected Friday.

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STATUE UNEARTHED

After 3,400 years, king lives on

Egyptian archaeologists have unearthed a large statue of king Amenhotep III who ruled nearly 3,400 years ago.

Amenhotep III was the grandfather of the famed boy-pharaoh Tutankhamun.

The Supreme Council of Antiquities said the

latest find was made at the king's funerary temple in the southern city of Luxor.

Thursday's statement said the 13.5-metre-tall statue is made of coloured quartzite.

It is composed of several large pieces that once put together will depict the king as standing.

Amenhotep III ruled from 1390-1352 B.C.

The latest find comes after several other relics of the king were unearthed last year.

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Migrants warned: Don't fall for 'official' scams

Immigration scams are getting so sophisticated that fraudsters now advertise online with websites that perfectly mimic those of official government agencies, U.S. officials say.

On Thursday they rolled out a nationwide

awareness campaign.

It's aimed at educating legal and illegal immigrants to avoid everything from unlicensed service providers to phoney websites

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THINGS HEATING UP

Scientist not worried about development but says we're not very good at planning smartly



A new report issued Wednesday states Canada's Arctic is shifting to a new permanent state — one that is warmer, has less summer sea ice and a changed ocean chemistry.

The Arctic Report Card, prepared by the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Climate Program Office (NOAA), tracks the Arctic atmosphere, sea ice, biology, ocean, land and Greenland. This year, new sections were added, including greenhouse gases, ozone and UV radiation, ocean acidification and lake ice.

Pete Ewins, director of species conservation at



"There isn't a lot of will from our political leaders to change. Our grandchildren are going to say, 'Why didn't they make the change towards renewable energy sooner?"
PETE EWINS, WWF SCIENTIST

World Wildlife Fund Canada, said the report helps show the continuing trend of extremes that Canada's Arctic is facing.

"You don't take one year

and use that as a basis (for not changing behaviour)," said Ewins. "It's all about rates of change, and what the (annual report card) shows us is a very scientific basis that shows the rates of change are speeding towards greater uncertainty and greater risks.

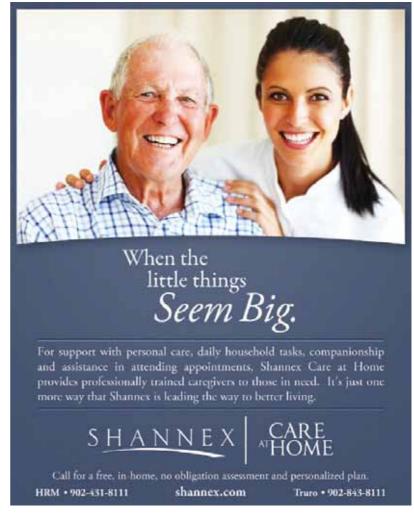
"With a greener and warmer Arctic, more development (in Northern Canada) is likely," said Monica Medina, NOAA principal deputy undersecretary. "Reports like this one help us to prepare for increasing demands on Arctic resources."

Ewins said that he isn't worried about the potential for developing Canada's Arctic, only that it's done smartly.

The report can be viewed online at noaa.gov.







IN CANADA'S ARCTIC REGION



Polar bears in danger, whales to benefit

Canada's Arctic will see significant changes as temperatures continue to rise.

The summer sea ice will continue to shrink, and according to the report, the minimum Arctic sea-ice area recorded in September of 2011 was the second-lowest since 1979.

The Arctic will also get greener. The report states Arctic-tundra vegetation continues to increase and is associated with higher air temperatures over most of Canada's Arctic land mass.

The warming of the Arctic threatens polar bear and walrus populations, but also opens feeding areas for

1.5 C Average annual near-surface air temperatures over the Arctic Ocean were 1.5 C greater in 2011 than over the past 30 years.

whales.

The retreating ice means the ocean can absorb more carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. The report states the acidification of the ocean currently appears to be stable. © ELISHA DACEY



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China facing slowdown

ECONOMY. China's leaders are reversing their twoyear effort to cool the economy, seeking to counter slowdowns in manufacturing and property that are dragging growth lower and threatening to spur unrest.

In the latest sign the world's No. 2 economy is weakening faster than



thought, business surveys released yesterday showed manufacturing contracted in November for the first time in nearly three years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Exports supporting economy

RESOURCES. The surprisingly strong domestic product expansion in the third quarter is hiding an unpleasant fact about Canada's economy, say an-

Strip away exports particularly oil, gas and coal - from the data, and Canada's economy doesn't look like the world-beater it appears.

Canadian Auto Workers economist Jim Stanford points out that data provided by Statistics Canada behind this week's strong gross domestic product advance of 3.5 per cent, the numbers show all of that and more - 134 per cent — was due to exports.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Draft bill targets cellphone 'gouging'

Private bill still faces hurdles

Draft measures to reduce sticker shock when Ontario consumers cellphone passed a crucial vote in the legislature yesterday, but still face significant hurdles before they could become law.

The private member's bill would make the cost of using a cellphone more transparent, and clarify contracts so that customers know what they're paying for.

The bill easily passed second reading yesterday, but the minority Liberal government still controls which legislation is called for third and final reading and there's no indication it will allow the bill to reach that stage.

The bill marks the second attempt by Liberal member David Orazietti to



protect consumers from what he says are high fees and confusing contracts.

"This is a huge consumer issue," he said.

The price gouging that is taking place in this sector because of the lack of competition is absolutely horrendous." Orazietti's horrendous." bill would also reduce cancellation fees, and force companies to warn users when they're outside their local areas the canadian press





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eBay eyes holiday shoppers • Website touts QR shopping at temporary pop-up shop in London shopping, following the publicity stunt, during the

The news that eBay has set up shop seems like a bizarre, counter-intuitive business strategy. However, the pop-up store located on Dean Street in London's trendy Soho is eBay's first foray into multi-channel

likes of Internet giants Amazon, who have tried something similar.

Given that it's only open for five days, from December 1 through 5, the shop is basically a perfectly timed

busiest period for Christmas shopping

The boutique gives less tech-savvy shoppers the opportunity to understand how QR shopping works just in time for the busy Christmas shopping season. In layman terms, shoppers scan the QR barcode with their smartphone,

which then takes them through to the eBay site where purchases are processed. metro



Angry Birds go nuts for product placement

The world's most popular video game app is taking product placement to new heights. Following a 15second spot in September featuring Wonderful Pistachios, the game is introducing a spin-off called The Hunt for the Golden Pistachio, about cracking nutshells for profit.

Canadians slow their borrowing: **Report**

There are signs that Canadian consumers have slowed down their borrowing this year, after peaking in the fourth quarter of 2010.

A TransUnion analysis released Thursday found that average consumer debt, excluding mortgages, was \$25,594 in the third quarter.

That's about where it has been throughout 2011, although up slightly from where it was in the third quarter of 2010.

That means Canadians are reluctant to add to their lines of credit, consumer and car loans and credit card debt as they face an uncertain economy that's eroding their confidence. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

Starbucks opens more drive-thrus

Seattle-based coffee chain Starbucks said Thursday that it is planning to open 200 more drive-thru stores in the United Kingdom over the next five years, plus 100 walk-in

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BP sells gas unit for \$1.7B

BP is selling its Canadian natural gas liquids business for nearly \$1.7 billion US. The buyer of the liquids business is Plains Midstream Canada, a subsidiary of Plain All American Pipeline, a U.S. company based in Texas. The associated press



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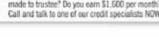
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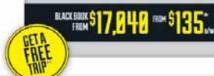
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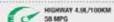
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LET'S GET PHYSICAL, OR NOT...

THE **METRO LIST**

game of "chicken," the NBA finally carved out a deal that barely anyone understands. My thoughts: You're a muscular six-foot-



nine man making over \$5 million for putting a ball in a 10-foot hoop. Please, just put on your free socks and sneakers, do your job, and maybe one day, you too can marry a Kardashian. Thanks.

Fan-tastic: After a long

Costly Cancon: Our beloved national broadcaster faces criticism once again. The Federal Court of Appeal ruled in favour of budget transparency, but CBC prez Hubert Lacroix still wants his annual \$1.1-billion government subsidy. Lacroix says the money is necessary to maintain vital Canadian content like Hockey Night in Canada, local news and election night coverage. I say, "How much for

Free health care?: A recent news story about exorbitant hospital parking fees quoted the Canada Health Act, which states that "Canadians should have access to health care without financial or other barriers." A moderate example is North York General Hospital in Toronto, where a day pass costs \$23. It is not unusual for patients with complicated illnesses to be there for a month, which is \$700. Then again, drug shortages, disgruntled personnel, and sub-par food ensure that they probably won't last that long anyway.

High anxiety: A study out of Cardiff University in Wales found that children with a high IQ at age 5-10 were more likely to experiment with drugs as adults. Dr. James White speculates that smarter people are simply more open to new experiences. My theory is that drug addicts in their 30s are more likely to lie about having a high IQ as a child.

Pop history: If you are turning 30 this week, the No. 1 song when you were born, which you were likely exposed to while in the womb, was Let's Get Physical by Olivia Newton-John. I just thought that might shed some light in therapy.

Great ones: Wayne Gretzky supposedly demanded 22-year-old daughter Paulina shut down her Twitter account because he found her photos to be distasteful. Even Gretzky admits to having looked at risqué photos of hot women before but maintains that none of them was anyone's daughter.

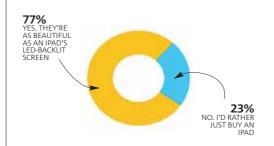
True story: On this day in 1969, Cindy Birdsong of the Supremes was kidnapped at knifepoint by a maintenance man in her building. She later escaped unharmed by jumping out of his moving car on the San Diego freeway. Wow! And people thought Diana

Extreme couponing: I suffer from "chronic buyer's remorse" as a result of family members who are always giddy with tales of their web-found bargains. I ignore emails from "deal"sites because I fail to see the use in an automatic toilet flusher, but someone informed me of a site that aggregates and sends you just one email containing only items you actually want. It's called Dealfart.com. Kudos to them for a name that pretty much

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Would you pay the equivalent of an iPad to save a polar bear?



Local tweets



►@Halifax Robert: Thank god it's December. I was start-

ing to think there was a porn convention in Halifax . #Movemeber

- **@richaucoin:** Prince's band is on my flight. I'm assuming Prince left Halifax in a private jet though." OMG so
- @samreiss_: Chris Getzlaf came home and Tammy rushed him. "Baby. Christmas with Ryan and Shelly in Anaheim?" The slothack stared blankly. #cflwives
- @Recovering42: Thank you Prince for coming to Halifax. I am still elated from last nights concert. Spiritually uplifted! Merci!Merci!
- **@ghisleblanc:** I knew I should have went to #Prince !! #Halifax
- @SymphonyNS: Cannot believe it's December and the weather is this nice... global warming? or a blessing in disguise? #halifax
- @negus_kris: i can only imagine the amount of moustachio trimmings going down #halifax sewers this morning #movember



Endangered

In this photo provided by the St. Louis Zoo, an Ozark hellbender is shown developing in an egg.

The rare Ozark hellbender, an endangered amphibian found only in a few Missouri and Arkansas counties, has been successfully bred in captivity for the first time, offering new hope for the animal's survival, scientists said.

For 45 to 60 days after hatching, the tiny larvae will retain their yolk sack for nutrients and move very little. They eventually lose their external gills by the time they reach 1.5 to two years of age.

Hellbender not the worst moniker

Ozark hellbenders shown just after hatching. Also known by the colloquial names of "snot otter" and "old lasagna sides," hellbenders can grow to be two feet at five to eight years of age, the zoo said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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An Ozark hellbender at two weeks old. The zoo savs rivers in south-central Missouri and northern **Arkansas once** supported up to 8,000 hellbenders. Today fewer than 600 exist in the world.

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Synopsis

So many movies were released last weekend for American Thanksgiving that it seems like there weren't any left for this week. With only limited new films in theatres, the Reel Guys take a look at what's at the multiplex already that could take home Oscar gold.



Reel Guys

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Go ask Oscar

Meryl or Michelle, George or Ryan? The Reel Guys make their predictions

Richard: Mark, for me right now, the frontrunner for Best Actress is Michelle Williams. Her take on Marilyn Monroe in My Week with Marilyn is so eerily accurate it transcends mimicry. She really becomes Marilyn. I say right now, because The Iron Lady hasn't hit theatres yet. Word is the only way Williams can beat Meryl Streep playing Margaret Thatcher is if Streep decides not to allow herself to be nominated. Are their any surefire bets for you?

MB: Even with Meryl in the race, Williams will win because Hollywood loooooooooves Marilyn

Monroe, and Thatcher is an unsympathetic figure to a liberal community. I think George Clooney could be a lock for The Descendants. It's the most nuanced work he's ever done, and I think there's a feeling it's time he got that statue for his cumulative body of work. Who else might challenge him?

RC: I think Clooney deserves an Oscar for just being Clooney. He's our generation's Cary Grant and I loved that he didn't rely on his usual charm and likability in The Descendants. But how cool would it be if Ryan Gosling gave him a run. He had a

great year with three high profile interesting roles to choose from. Me, I'd give it to him for his brilliant, menacing work in Drive.

MB: Brilliant, yes. But he won't win. The movie will be too violent for older academy voters. But I sense a strong contender from the same movie for Best Supporting Actor: Albert Brooks. I love when comedians play bad guys and Brooks was the most memorable baddie of the year.

RC: I would love Albert Brooks to win simply to hear his acceptance speech. If it's anything like his twitter feed it would be hilari-

ous. I would also love to see Hugo have a shot at Best Picture. It's perfect for the Academy. It's a big beautiful movie about the magic of movies. It would be one for the history books; a kid's flick directed by Martin Scorsese as the year's big winner.

MB: The academy is always biased against kid's pictures even if it's one as magical as Hugo. Maybe it will be one of those instances where it won't win for Best Picture but Scorsese will take home the Best Direction award. Everyone would have to admit the direction was nothing short of ravishing.

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Hollywood's silent revolution

There's Oscar buzz over a silent movie for the first time since the 1920s ◆ Audio changed everything



Michel Hazanavicius' The Artist is one of the season's most acclaimed films – a silent black and white fable about a movie matinee idol who fails to make the cut to talkies in 1927 Hollywood.

French actor Jean Dujardin won the Best Actor Palme D'or at Cannes for his portrayal of George Valentin, in which he brings the best of Gene Kelly and Cary Grant to his inimitable style. Valentin, a victim of the sound revolution, loses everything he has, but unbeknownst to him, a young actress he befriended secretly keeps an eye out for him. It's reminiscent of John Gilbert's story.

Gilbert was one of the silent era's greatest film stars whose career reportedly collapsed with the advent of sound, and whose former lover, Greta Garbo, intervened unsuccessfully to restore his image and career. He died of a heart attack at age 36. It was a tragedy with parallels to The Artist. In many ways it's a Hollywood fable for adults

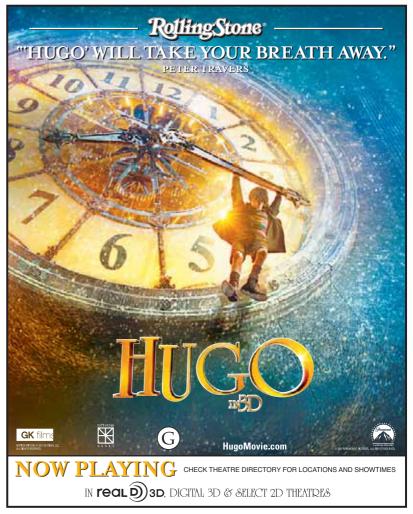
The French cast and crew shot in old Hollywood, often in the exact locations of the story. It looks authentic, as though it was made right then and there in 1927, if not for the modern gloss and crisp, high definition. Dujardin was thrilled to step into Tinseltown's history.

"The story was more beautiful for this. It was thrilling to film in the Orpheum on the actual sites, and was extremely motivating, especially they had talks prior to that that we would be filming in Hungary or Romania. So on top of being able to film in Hollywood, the place is extremely special. It's almost a religion to be in a movie in the street there."

Oscar whispers have been loud and clear since The Artist screened at Cannes and Toronto. Dujardin has heard those whispers and is conscious of the love the film has inspired. "It's almost like Michel found the magical formula access code sitting in front of everyone's nose."







Finding his balance

• Comic Patton Oswalt explores his serious side in Young Adult

Funnyman Patton Oswalt says he dug deep for a serious turn in director Jason Reitman's Up In the Air follow-up Young Adult, spending months with an acting coach to work out the complex emotional baggage of his physically disabled character.

Raves for Oswalt's performance are already pouring in, with the stand-up comic set to be honoured Wednesday with an acting award at the Whistler Film Festival.

Young Adult — which hits theatres Dec. 16 — reunites the Montreal-born Reitman with his Juno screenwriter Diablo Cody, and stars Oscar-winner Charlize Theron as a morally bereft writer of young adult novels.

Oswalt, best known as Spence from The King of "That's what I was most worried about — that I would kind of fumble some of the transitions between the darkness and then the lightness."

Queens, plays a man whose legs were damaged by a brutal high school beating. The self-described acting "neophyte" admits to having had some qualms about the tricky role.

"Diablo wrote such a good script and such a nuanced script that there were a million ways to steer it in the wrong direction," says Oswalt, whose increasingly diverse credits include HBO Canada's Bored to

Death, The Movie Network/Movie Central's United States of Tara and the Adult Swim series The Heart, She Holler.

"Just when I first sat down and read the script I was like, 'Oh boy, I don't want to fumble this.' It's the combination of, 'Oh I'm so thrilled to get offered this,' and 'Oh man, I don't want to mess this up."

Oswalt's Matt Freehauf was savagely beaten by jocks as a teen, leaving his legs permanently damaged and forcing him to walk with a brace. Matt serves as a moral compass for Theron's deluded character Mavis Gary, who returns to her hometown looking to relive her glory days and rekindle a romance with her now married exboyfriend, played by A Gifted Man's Patrick Wilson.

Oswalt says he consulted an acting coach and a physical therapist to prepare for the role, and thought a lot about Matt's troubled backstory and how that must have shaped his upbringing

"And not just the incident that scars him but what he went through to recover from it, which I think probably shaped his personality and worldview just as much as the damage that the attack did," Oswalt says by phone from Los Angeles.

"I just wanted less and less to have to think about so I could be more present in the scenes with Charlize.

"She's a really instinctual actor and I really didn't want to be sitting there with eight other thoughts on my head while she's just rolling with it."

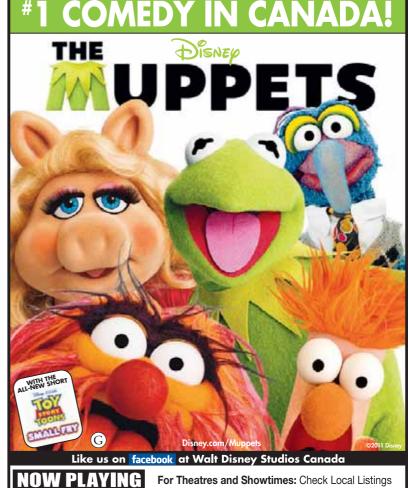


All that work appears to be paying off.

Several early reviews have singled out Oswalt's performance as a standout, with the Whistler prize seen by some as a precursor to a possible Oscar nomination for supporting actor. "The whole thing just took me by surprise," Oswalt says of the multiple kudos. "It's extremely gratifying and kind of stupefying at the same time, I don't quite know what to think of it"

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Stars set to shine at Sundance

• Festival films announced, will compete next month

John Krasinski, Helen Hunt, Michael Cera, Amanda Seyfried, Danny Glover and rap star Common are among the stars with movies heading to the Sundance Film Festi-

Films announced Wednesday that will compete for prizes at next month's independentfilm showcase include dramas dealing with family crises, such as director Ry Russo-Young's Nobody Walks, with The Office co-star Krasinski and Olivia Thirlby; The End of Love, starring Cera, Seyfried, Shannyn Sossamon and writer-director Mark Webber; and Sheldon Candis' Luv, featuring Glover and Common.

Hunt stars with John Hawkes and William H. Macy in Ben Lewin's The Surrogate, an unusual story about a 36-year-old man who has spent most of his life on an iron lung and now develops a plan to lose his virginity.

They're among 16 films in Sundance's competition for U.S. dramas,



whose past winners included eventual Academy Awards nominees

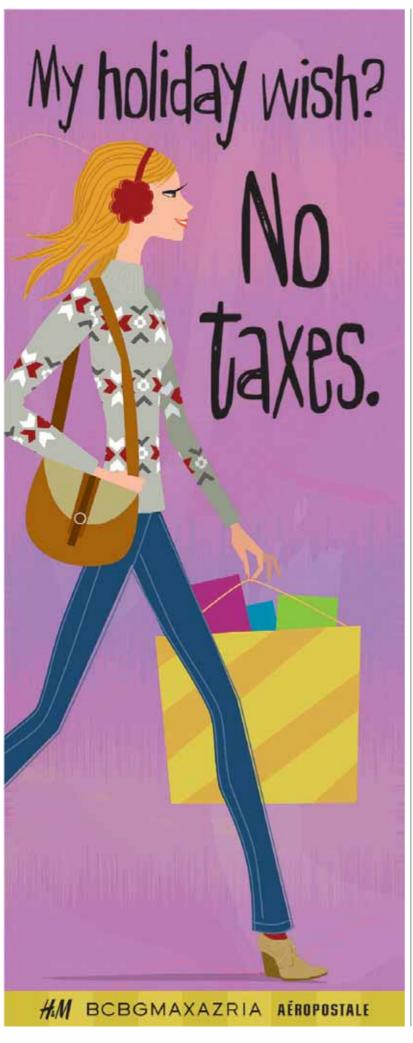
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Margin Call Genre: Drama Director: J.C. Chandor Stars: Zachary Quinto. Stanley Tucci, Kevin Spacey, Martin Baker

Members of the public who suffered great personal losses in the economic meltdown weren't the only ones in pain. There was a special place in office tower hell for fat cats behind the meltdown that included survivor guilt, fear, anxiety, moral compromise, thoughts of suicide. Chandor's excruciating 24 hours with such a team is a smart and worthy ride.







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A whole other planet

On Terra Nova, Stephen Lang says he's covering new ground



Actor Stephen Lang is getting attention for his work playing a gruff, militaristic leader shepherding a group of humans through a foreign landscape filled with deadly creatures. No, not Avatar.

While Lang's new gig as Commander Taylor on Terra Nova — in which he leads a pilgrimage of humans 85 million years into the past to colonize an alternate earth — might bear some resemblance to the 2009 blockbuster that shot him to fame, he's quick to point out the differences.

And if you want to typecast him, he's fine with that, too.

Were you reluctant to take

this part because of similarities people might draw with Avatar?

Obviously, there's a certain similarity in their backgrounds.

I just felt that the trajectory that the characters take is so vastly different, that after a certain breaking in period you would see Taylor as his own distinct personality, as opposed to being related to Avatar.

Are you at all afraid of typecasting after Avatar and then this role?

You know, I'm 59 years old, and if I'm typed right now, I'm typed as a charismatic, macho, silver fox. So, if that's the case, I can live with that (laughs).

How much of Taylor's backstory did they let you in on beforehand? We've discussed backstory from day one on this. Even in our initial meetings we talked about how this guy comes to be, and who he is.

Backstory emerges as fact as it becomes necessary. I can give you three possibilities of what Taylor went through in the year 2139.

And whatever will serve our story best is the one that we will adopt, because it only becomes fact when it hits the screen, when it gets written in, you know?

What was your impression when you first saw the pilot episode?

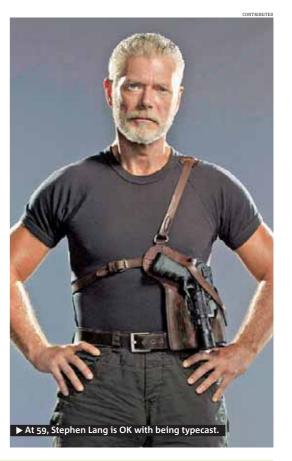
I thought that we were on our — how do you put it? It's a maiden voyage. There's a certain caution that goes with it. There's a certain finding your

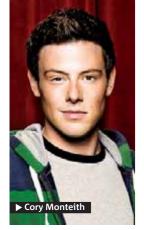
way, as the show finds its own sort of tone. I liked it. You see fully-formed characters. It tells a story. I thought the effects worked as well as we wanted them to work.

But as in all the work I've ever done, I feel there's room for advancement in it, clearly. And so, you know, it made me proud, but also anxious to do better.

How much does it help with your performance when you're on location, and not on a sound stage as much as you would be on another TV show?

It helps in ways you're probably not even conscious of. I mean, just being out in a pristine environment — that's where you're supposed to be. It's one less artificial element to have to create.





Glee hitting the right notes



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After a bumpy — and highly criticized — second season, Glee looks to be back on track, and according to series star Cory Monteith, a lot of that has to do with how the show is choosing its music.

What kind of music are they giving you for your character?

Oh, man I'm so excited

(looks to his publicist). Can I? No, I can't. There is one song that I cover that is typically like a female vocalized-pop song from the '80s, and it has been pared down into this acoustic-slow-piano wonderful ballad, almost. They have done some really great stuff with music this season especially. It's really influenced and inspired by the story-lines. Whereas before — last season we did tribute episodes,

things like the music was implying the storyline. Are you saying last season

they did a lot of stuff that was more current just because they could?

Right. I feel that in the second season we got the opportunity to do whatever artist we wanted to cover because the show was big, and so, you know, there was a lot of, you know, very expository, very kind of larger-than-life numbers

and things. And this year, they have a very specific idea of where they want the storyline and where they want the characters to go, and then they choose the songs around that. So it is very much the songs are inspired by the storyline this year, which is great because as an actor you have so much to do because of why you're singing it.

There was a lot of talk over the summer about what hap-

pens to characters like yours, that are seniors, after they graduate this year. Has that been on your mind at all? Well, everybody graduates eventually. but I really

well, everybody graduates eventually, but I really don't know. We haven't really had that conversation. It's been, you know, discussed that Glee cast members will graduate, but I really don't know when ... If I graduate, you know, then I move on to do other things.

TV Picks

High school sweethearts?

COMEDY. If you missed Thursday's debut over on Fox, you can catch the new sitcom I Hate My Teenage Daughter Friday on Global. The show centres on best friends and single mothers Annie (Jaime Pressly) and Nikki (Katie Finneran), who worry their daughters are turning into exactly the type of cruel girls who bullied them in high



school. (Global)

Suspicious behaviour

DRAMA. Kudos to those of

you sticking with Ringer despite the erratic highs and lows of this hit-andmiss rookie show. You've shown great loyalty. Let's hope the show rewards us with a bit more story development and a lot less melodrama. On Friday, Henry realizes he must work with Bridget to learn more about Gemma's disappearance, and Malcolm shares his suspicions about Charlie with the police. (Global)

Comedy classics return

STAND-UP. Comedy legends new and old are all over the dial Saturday. Canada's reigning stand-up king takes the stage in Russell Peters: The Green Card Tour Live From the O2 Arena over on The Comedy Network. Meanwhile, The Ed Sullivan Comedy Special on PBS features the indelible comic stylings of Jack Benny, Bob Hope, Red Skelton, George Carlin and Richard Pryor.

Holiday help

DESIGN. Get a jump on holiday party planning on Saturday with the help of merry tips from The Party. Samantha Pynn of the show Pure Design visits

some of her favourite designers for holiday inspiration. (HGTV)

Great flying pumpkins

SPORTS? Punkin Chunkin is back. Mythbusters hosts Kari Byron, Tory Belleci and Grant Imahara helm the pumpkin-throwing event. Participants build machines, air cannons and catapults to hurl the gourds as far as possible. (Discovery Channel Canada) THE CANADIAN PRESS

Touch heaven in a Little Hell

Dallas Green touches on depression, his family in City and Color's new album It's his darkest album to date



The cover art for City and Color's latest album, Little Hell, may be a colourful illustration of tulips in a Dutch field — but there are much darker themes in the words within.

The indie folk instrumentation is decorated with Dallas Green's lyrics, which largely touch upon the personal aspects of his life. Although his past two albums have also held intimate details of his problems or parts of his relationship, Little Hell has tracks that deal with previously untouched material such as insomnia and depression, and songs such as O' Sister and The Grand Optimist that deal with family issues.

"All of my records are



pretty much the same as far as the honesty and lyrics," Green says, "so I think that because this has a few songs on it that deal directly with my family members, people assume it's more personal than the

It's hard for listeners not to assume that, with lyrics like: "Does it have something to do with the pills they gave to you?" in O' Sister, which delves into Green's thoughts on his

sibling's depression.

For Green, who was formerly the singer for Alexisonfire, his third album as City and Colour marks a chance to let loose and create music that felt right and reflected his own life.

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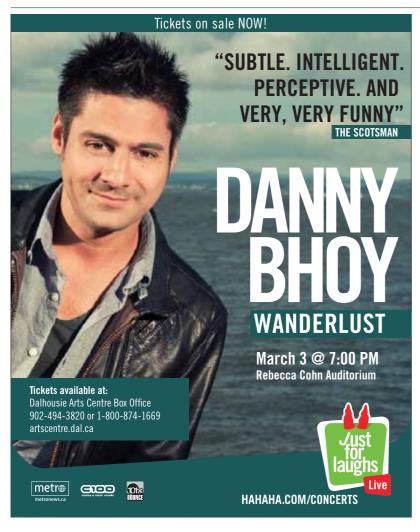
DALLAS GREEN ON HIS LATEST AT.RIIM

"I just wanted to make it all about whatever I wanted it to be," he says. "There's a bunch of songs on the record that have a full band, and there's even some louder songs on the record. I didn't want to suppress all those ideas I had just because people have a certain idea of what City and Colour should sound like."

A little heaven with Little Hell

Green has found that getting through instances that are part of his own Little Hell is easier because he is a musician. Even on the days he wakes up sick or becomes fed up with life on the road, he says performing for his fans is what makes it all worthwhile.

"Sometimes you just don't want to go to work, and today was one of those days where I'm like, 'I don't want to play tonight.' But I know the best part about that is I'll be able to go onstage and it'll all go away. That's the heaven part for me," he says. "The travelling and the sitting in the rainy parking lot with nothing around us ... that's not what I like about being a musician. The getting up and singing the songs, that's my favourite part.'





Wait, motherhood breeds swagger?

• Fresh off the runway from Tuesday night's television special, Victoria's Secret moms share their thoughts

It's not just the push-up bras or feathered wings that give some top Victoria's Secret models their sexy swagger: It's their off-the-catwalk lives as mothers that give them their confidence and signature curves, they say.

Miranda Kerr, Doutzen Kroes and Alessandra Ambrosio have all been crowned VS Angels, so they are among the halfdozen models to get the best outfits and most face time during the lingerie giant's televised annual fashion show, which aired Tuesday night on CBS.

Backstage, wearing their short, hot-pink satin robes, they're also the ones attracting the most attention.

What were they talking

about with all those photographers, makeup artists and other models?

Nutrition, exercise and juggling their jet-setting careers with their little ones.

Kroes and Kerr have bona fide babies, both giving birth to sons last January. Ambrosio's daughter was born in 2008.

But motherhood hasn't

slowed them down at all: Kerr even got to wear the coveted diamond-covered bra. "I was asked to do it after I gave birth," said Kerr. "That was awesome. It's such an honour."

Ed Razek, chief marketing officer for Victoria's Secret parent Limited Brands, has long taken the position that the company wants feminine, womanly

models, because that's who looks best in the lingerie.

"It's true, a number of our models have come back from having a baby more beautiful than ever. I know that some of them have used the show date as a goal to get back in shape and, I think, having a baby has given them a sense of confidence, an 'I can do anything' attitude that is reflected on the runway."

One thing model moms can do is make money.

Forbes ranks Gisele Bundchen, Heidi Klum, Kate Moss, Adriana Lima and Ambrosio — all often photographed with their children — as the top earners of the industry this

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Doutzen Kroes

It was empowering to mould her new figure into shape, said Kroes, 27, who did "abs, abs, lots of ab exercises all the time." Her body isn't quite the same now as it was pre-baby, and she hopes it never goes back.

"I wish every woman can feel so sexy after birth. It's your body, but it's also a feeling."

On the surface, her two worlds might not seem like a perfect match, but they are, she said. "You get your hair and makeup done!"

She also has a lot of control over her schedule. Even if she needs to be on location for a few days, it'll never be longer, and then she'll have many days off, Kroes explained.

"It's not a 9-to-5 job." She often can bring her son, Phyllon, on set, though she only does that when working locally.

"I don't want him to become a 'traveller' when he is still so young."



Miranda Kerr

Pilates, yoga, weight training with resistance bags were all key factors in Kerr's new-mom fitness routine, said the 28-year-old, and they're all things that can be done in her living room.

"I do have less time, but I do try to exercise every day. I exercise at home with my son playing around with his toys on the floor."

She says she hopes

Flynn's watching and that he'll learn to incorporate physical activity into his daily life without a thought. The same goes for a healthy diet. Flynn is too young to watch the Victoria's Secret show now, of course, but Kerr will let him see her runway photos later.

"I'm sure he'll be happy his mom had wings."



Alessandra Ambrosio

Her catwalk costumes are a little less risqué now, but she's not ready to hang up the Brazilian-cup bras and short shorts.

"I'm definitely more proud of my body now," she said.

"Our bodies are changed as we get older, and I'm more conscious of it now. Now, I'm a woman doing the show, not a girl."

Part of that is giving up chocolate in the weeks before the show; she didn't always have to do that. And part of it is being able to walk in heels without teetering. She's also learned to ham it up for the camera and the audience.

Ambrosio got her Angel wings in 2004, when she was the first spokesmodel for the then-new Pink collection, which is loungewear geared for a more youthful customer.

That's when she felt she was "a flirty and cheeky teenager" versus the sexy woman she is at age 30.

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You may not be able to work at The Office, but you can at least buy paper from the fictional company Dunder Mifflin.

The Wall Street Journal (WSJ) reports that NBC's parent company Comcast and the Staples-owned

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Big-box retailers like Staples are often mentioned on the show as Dunder Mifflin's biggest competition. In real-life though, the two companies are now partners, much to the delight of paper-loving Office fans.

According to the WSJ, Dunder Mifflin products are much pricier than private-label copy paper, but can you really put a price on the paper that launched Michael Scott to executive fame?



Is Scarlett still in love with Ryan?

• Her post-divorce romance with Sean Penn didn't pan out ◆ Now she's apparently got a hate-on for her ex's new squeeze — Blake Lively

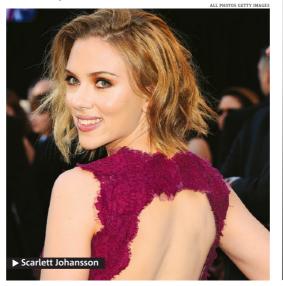
Even though her marriage to Ryan Reynolds ended last year, Scarlett Johansson is still reportedly preoccupied with his love life - and sources say she absolutely loathes his latest girlfriend, Blake Lively, according to Us Weekly.

"Scarlett is pissed that he's not under her spell anymore," a source says. "She realized what a great catch Ryan [Reynolds] was."

Adding insult to injury? The fact that while Johansson's post-divorce romance "Scarlett is pissed that he's not under her spell anymore. She realized what a great catch Ryan [Reynolds] was."

with Sean Penn fizzled out, Reynolds and Lively seem to be going strong.

"Things are great [for Blake and Ryan]," says the source. "They haven't had a fight yet." • METRO



MJ's ex-doc

Murray may be home for Xmas

PRISON OVERCROWDING. Despite being sentenced to four years in prison for involuntary manslaughter, Dr. Conrad Murray could be home for Christmas, according to Radar Online.

The disgraced doc was given the maximum sentence for his role in the death of Michael Jackson, but because of overcrowding problems in California prisons, it's expected that Murray will serve out the bulk of his sentence under house arrest.

"Dr. Murray's lawyers are actually relieved that Judge Pastor didn't sentence him to community service, like Lindsay Lohan is doing at the morgue," a source says.

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Ashton back into single life



Ashton Kutcher appeared to make the most of his newly single status while home in Iowa for the Thanksgiving holiday, according to Us Weekly.

The Two and a Half Men star was spotted with his entourage at several bars around Iowa City over the long weekend.

"He was drinking beer, and girls kept coming up to says a source of Kutcher's night out on Friday.
"He loved the attention.

"He was drinking beer and girls kept coming up to him. He loved the attention."

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Girls were hugging him and shaking his hand.

And it continued Saturday, according to another source: "He was swarmed by girls. A few tried to convince him to go to a strip club, but he declined."

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Though it was previously reported that Beyoncé's baby was due in February, some are speculating that she could actually be giving birth as early as this month, according to Hollyscoop

A recently released behind-the-scenes shows Beyoncé referring to herself as six months pregnant — only the video was shot in September.

"Right now I'm actually shooting the video for



Countdown and I'm six months pregnant, pretending that my stomach is flat in body suits," Beyoncé says in the video. • METRO

Brit to wed?

There's been plenty of speculation about when Britney Spears and Jason Trawick might take the next step toward marriage, and it's reportedly going to be very

"They've been talking about marriage for a long time," a source tells People magazine.

"It would be surprising if they are not engaged by the end of the year."

In fact, the engagement is so close that, according to the source, Trawick has already picked out a ring.



More great tips



- 1. Decide on whether your dinner is going to be served "family style" or "plated" and make certain that you have the plates and silverware that will
- 2. Select dishes that allow you to do as much advance preparation as possi-

be required

- 3. Set the mood by considering music, lighting and table
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Holiday cheer in a bottle



While we like to think we watch our weight with Jennifer Hudson precision, as the weeks creep closer to Christmas, the call of an ice cold glass of cream liqueur gets louder.

I like how the creamier side of booze has found a permanent home snuggled up to the holiday season. Typically sweet with a support system of some sort of spirit, it really is the liquid personification of making merry.

I'm betting most of you will think only of Baileys (\$26.49 - \$30.80) when it comes to a delectable creamer. Famous as it is, the Irish whiskey-based classic has plenty of competition with many modern variations on the theme hitting store shelves.

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Deck the halls and entertain with ease

• Joni Lien and Chris Wood, founders of Ontario-based business SupperWorks, offer their Top 6 tips to make any dinner party jolly

The folks at SupperWorks know a thing or two about entertaining. At their 16 Ontario locations they've been taking the "work out of supper" since 2005 by creating delicious recipes, doing the shopping, the washing, the chopping and the clean-up so that customers can prepare delicious, wholesome meals at home without the time and without any hassle. Don't live in Ontario? No worries. SupperWorks delivers right across Canada.

Here are Lien and Wood's tips to make your party a smash.

Plan ahead

Although it may seem obvious, the top entertainment tip for any dinner party is to plan it out. From menu to dinnerware and beverages, planning translates into a successful dinner party.

Check for allergies

Check with your guests in advance to see if they have any food allergies, likes, dislikes or if they are following a particular diet, and adjust your menu accordingly. You may want to offer a vegetarian and a gluten free option.



Be practical

Design your menu around their preferences and your kitchen. A main course and two sides that all require heating in the oven at three different temperatures is not practical if you want to get all three dishes on the table at once.

Stick to what you know

Try not to tackle too many new recipes when entertaining. Stick to what you know and do well. If you

do want to serve a new recipe, consider picking up an entrée or sides from somewhere like Supper-Works. SupperWorks entrées serve four to six people and are proven winners when it comes to taste and convenience.

Do what restaurants do

Chill your plates for dishes that will be served cold and heat your plates for dishes that will be served hot. It's a small thing but it makes a big impact. Giving your plates 30 minutes in the fridge before serving keeps your cold dishes cold, and giving your plates five minutes in a 350° oven keeps your hot dishes hot.

Enjoy yourself Remember that a dinner party is a great time for socializing with friends and family, and enjoying the season. TO LEARN ABOUT SUPPER-WORKS, VISIT SUPPERWORKS.COM



Punch up the party

This festive Spiced Berry Holiday Punch is a great way to get people rockin' around the Christmas tree

Preparation:

Combine all the ingredients in a large, fancy bowl, and stir in lots of lemon wheels and fresh cranberries.

Add a handful of star anise and a couple of cinnamon sticks, and you're ready to start ladling out this potent potion like you're volunteering in a soup

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- 150 ml pineapple juice
- 100 ml simple syrup
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Add clams with liquid,

Worcestershire sauce,

salt and hot pepper

Preparation:

- In a large saucepan, melt butter over medium heat; add celery and onion and sauté for 2 to 3 minutes to soften.
- Add milk; bring to a boil. Reduce heat and stir in
- **Ingredients:** • 250 ml (1 cup) instant • 30 ml (2 tbsp) butter mashed potatoes
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) each • 2 cans (each 142 g) baby diced celery and onion clams (undrained)
- 625 ml (2 1/2 cups) milk • 15 ml (1 tbsp) Worcester

sauce: simmer for 5 to 8 minutes, stirring occasionally, to blend flavours.

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- 30 ml (2 tbsp) fresh parsley

potatoes. Continue cooking, stirring constantly, for 2 to 3 minutes or until slightly thickened.

Serve garnished with parsley, if desired. THE

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- 3 ml (3/4 tsp) salt
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) hot pepper









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Blossoming with the basics

Mooseheads defenceman Hannay making great strides in third QMJHL season ◆ Vancouver draft pick has until June 1 to sign NHL contract



During Sawyer Hannay's first two seasons in the QMJHL, he was much better known for his quick fists than his quick feet.

Nobody's going to confuse his No. 77 with Paul Coffey's any time soon, but the 19-year-old has gone from a somewhat plodding tough guy patrolling the Halifax Mooseheads' blueline to a physical stay-athome type who has the mobility to log big minutes against top lines.

An off-season commitment to improving his footspeed — moving from Moncton to Halifax and skating five-plus days a week at the Forum — has helped the Vancouver Canucks draft pick make great strides.

"I did a lot of skating speed technique," he said. "I did some puck work, quick feet, crossovers ... Really, just back to the basics."

He said the off-season ice time gave him a huge confidence boost coming into the season, and he's become much harder to beat.

"It's one thing to be in position and it's another thing to be able to get into position fast," said Hannay, who has a one assist, a "It's important not to think about that. My focus is on the Halifax Mooseheads and winning games here. We'll take it from there."

MOOSEHEADS DEFENCEMAN SAWYER HANNAY, ON HAVING TO SIGN WITH THE VANCOUVER CANUCKS BY JUNE 1 OR RE-ENTER THE NHL DRAFT.

plus-7 rating and 47 penalty minutes in 23 games so

Nobody in the QMJHL fought more than Hannay in his first two seasons. The six-foot-four 198-pounder dropped the gloves 34 times, piling up the second most penalty minutes in the league with 322. But he's fought just three times this season and has been more disciplined.

"He's improved to the point where he can help his team more by being on the ice instead of in the penalty box." said Canucks scout Darrell Young, who worked closely with Hannay throughout the summer. "He's picking his spots. That's not the biggest part of his game anymore."

Young said not only has Hannay's mobility improved, he's also "thinking the game better" as far his



positioning and partner support.

With Steve Gillard out with a concussion and Konrad Abeltshauser headed to Germany next week for the IIHF Pool B world junior championship, the Mooseheads will lean even more heavily on Hannay.

"I don't like to consider it pressure, I find it's more of an opportunity, more ice time," Hannay said. "It's really going to test our character, and I don't doubt anybody on our team. We'll be just fine."

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Gloves already off in CFL off-season

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The Canadian Football League's off-season is like a Joe Kapp right cross — unexpected and dramatic, while packing

enough punch to knock a veteran to the floor.

The next few months should be filled with staggering developments as all eight teams start juggling their rosters and running coaches out of town. The ultimate goal is to rebuild and make a run at the 100th Grey Cup next November in Toronto. Hamilton head coach Marcel Bellefeuille has already been sent packing, Winnipeg offensive co-ordinator Jamie Barresi has been booted, Calgary defensive co-ordinator Chris Jones has bolted for Toronto and Montreal offensive co-ordinator Scott Milanovich has reunited with Argos GM Jim Barker. Consider the many other possibilities: Buono steps aside: Newly crowned Grey Cup champ Wally Buono.





Steven Jyles will be bac with the Argos in 2012.

who earned his fifth ring as a coach in Sunday's win over Winnipeg, has likely coached his last

At 61, Buono appears ready to hand the Lions'

reins to a successor (possibly defensive co-ordinator Mike Benevides) and watch from the press box. Buono's three-year contract expires in

2013, and when he signed the current deal he made it clear that he would not necessarily perform both roles until the contract expired.

Bombers look to strike first with Pierce: Winnipeg Blue Bombers GM Joe Mack will have his hands full this off-season with about a dozen unsigned free agents, including D-lineman Doug Brown who is expected to retire.

On top of Mack's list is quarterback Buck Pierce, who proved his mettle by avoiding injuries to get his club to the Grey Cup game. Mack also has to be concerned with fielding a team that can fill the new 33,000-seat Winnipeg Stadium that opens in 2012.

Riders' top coaching choice al-



ready spoken for: Kent Austin tops the Christmas Wish List of most Saskatchewan Roughriders fans, but he's unlikely to accept the head coaching job in Regina.

Now head coach at Cornell University, Austin won a Grey Cup with the Riders in 2007 but finds himself a candidate for a head job with a top college and eventually the NFL. Having Austin return to Regina is a romantic notion for the Riders faithful, but he's a longshot to return. GM Brendan Taman is more likely to offer the job to Calgary OC Dave Dickenson, but is Dickenson keen on the Queen City?

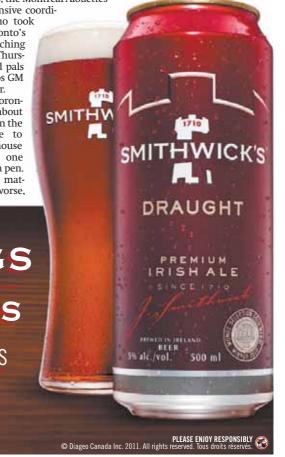
Milanovich jumps to Argos' ship: Has Scott Milanovich lost his mind? Yes, the Montreal Alouettes 2011 offensive coordi-

nator, who took over Toronto's head coaching position Thursday, is old pals with Argos GM lim Barker.

But Toronto? Talk about going from the penthouse to the outhouse with one stroke of a pen. Making matters worse, Barker has already re-signed QB Steven Jyles, who can't possibly be the starting quarterback next season.

Burris has suitors in Southern Ontario: Henry Burris, the CFL's Most Outstanding Player in 2010, could have options when it comes to finding a new team next season.

The obvious choice is Toronto, which needs a veteran quarter-back like Angelo Mosca needs a good corner man. But Hamilton might also be in the market for a top pivot. Starter Kevin Glenn has been a disappointment in his three seasons in black and gold, even though he guided his team past Montreal in the East semifi-





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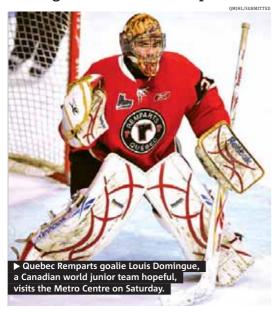
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• Tough home dates on tap for Moose, including big Remparts matchup





Two of the top teams in the QMJHL will visit the Metro Centre this weekend.

The Halifax Mooseheads host the West Divisionleading Gatineau Olympiques (14-11-4) on Friday and the secondplace Quebec Remparts (21-5-3) on Saturday. Both games start at 7 p.m.

The sixth-place Moose-heads (17-7-3) have gone 4-1-1 in their past six, but all of their wins are against teams below them in the standings.

"There's a difference between two points against teams below us and two points against teams ahead The Quebec Remparts' spot in the Canadian Hockey League's weekly Top-10 ranking.

of us or chasing us," said defenceman Sawyer Hannay. "From here on out, it's war every game."

Of particular interest is Saturday's game against the Remparts. The Mooseheads beat the Remparts 4-3 at home in overtime on Oct. 22 but lost to them 6-1 in Quebec City on Nov. 19.

"The last game we played against Quebec, we didn't feel like we had our best stuff," said Halifax forward Alexandre Cote. "We want to be ready for this one, and show them we're a good competitor in this league."

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Ex-coach Evans on way back to Halifax

Former Halifax Rainmen head coach Mike Evans will return to the Metro Centre with his new team, the Moncton Miracles, on Sunday at 2 p.m.

The Miracles, who hired Evans earlier this week after Nor-

resigned, are looking for their first win of the National Basketball League of Canada season with three games in three days this weekend.

The last-place squad is 0-7.

"I like the team,"
Evans told the Moncton
Times-Transcript. "It's a
bunch of good guys. They
work hard, they listen
and they follow instructions. I'm interested to
see how they look in a
game."

The 56-year-old longtime NBA assistant coach took over the Rainmen coaching job early last season from Les Berry, going 4-6 in the regular season before losing in the semifinals. Although the

Rainmen hoped to bring him back this season, Evans decided not to

return.
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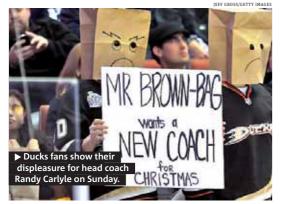
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Win not enough to save Anaheim coach's job



Carlyle canned just over Ducks defeated Canadiens to snap 7-game skid

The Anaheim Ducks fired coach Randy Carlyle late Wednesday night and hired former Washington coach Bruce Boudreau, who was dismissed by the Capitals just two days earlier.

The Ducks made the abrupt move after beating Montreal 4-1 on Wednesday night for the club's third victory in 19 games, snapping a seven-game

Carlyle coached the Ducks to their only Stanley Cup title in 2007, but struggled to get his talented club's attention this season. Carlyle agreed to a three-year contract extension through the 2013-14 season in August, but Anaheim got off to a perplexing 7-13-4 start.

'Randy is a terrific head coach, and did a tremendous job for us for six-plus seasons," Anaheim general manager Bob Murray said. 'We thank him greatly for his hard work and dedication to our franchise, not the least of which was a Stanley Cup championship. At this time, we simply felt a new voice was needed. Bruce is a proven winner with a great track record, and we are optimistic we can turn this season around under

his leadership." Carlyle has the most coaching wins in Ducks history, and he was behind Anaheim's bench for many of the 1993 expansion franchise's biggest moments. He has coached the Ducks since August 2005, taking over for Mike Babcock and compiling a 273-182-6 record as the seventh head coach in club history.

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20. There's no point in getting angry or upset today. Try laughing instead. SALLY BROMPTON

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